

MINUTES
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX
August 29, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order. James Greer, P.E., Chair, called the General Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) to order at 10:02 a.m. on August 29, 2013, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 South Interstate 35, Austin, TX. (NOTE: All votes are unanimous, unless noted otherwise.)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

James "Jim" Greer, P.E.	Chair
Carry A. Baker, JD	Member (excused absence)
Bobby Ballí, P.E.	Member
Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng.	Member

A quorum was present. Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, and Ms. Helen Kelley, Assistant Attorney General, were present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., and Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, Jr., P.E, Emeritus Board Members, were also present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, P.E.	Executive Director
Priscilla Pipho, MPA	Deputy Executive Director
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
David Howell, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Jeff Mutscher	Director of Finance
Dewey Helmcamp, III JD	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

Visitors. Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Trish Smith, TSPE Executive Director; Ken O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

2. Public comment. None.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING (AGENDA ITEMS 3-10):

3. Discuss and possibly accept the January 25, 2013, Industry Advisory Committee minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Nejad) to accept the January 25, 2013, Industry Advisory Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Discuss and possibly accept the January 25, 2013, Government Advisory Committee minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Nejad) to accept the January 25, 2013, Government Advisory Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Discuss and possibly approve the May 23, 2013, General Issues Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Ballí) to approve the May 23, 2013, General Issues Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Discuss and possibly act on the following rule adoption:

- §131.35 Employee Training (4)(d)

Mr. Mutscher reported that the Board received two comments regarding this proposed rule adoption. Both comments are addressed in the preamble of the rule.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Nejad) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 29, 2013, to adopt the rule changes to §131.35 Employee Training (4) (d) as posted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

7. Discuss and possibly approve the following rule proposal:

- §131.63 Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act

Mrs. Pipho reported that the proposed rule change is to comply with Texas Government Code Title 4, Subtitle E, Chapter 472, in accordance with the statute change made in the 83rd Legislative Session.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 29, 2013, to approve the proposed rule change as presented, and post in the Texas Register for comment. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

8. Report on the May 31, 2013, Industry Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mr. Clark reported that Board staff shared with the advisory committee members upcoming Legislative changes, discussed faculty licensure, and introduced the new TBPE Board Liaison, Mr. Sam Kannappan, P.E.

9. Report on the May 31, 2013, Government Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Pipho reported that Board staff shared with the advisory committee members upcoming Legislative changes, strategic planning information, and discussed issues members wanted to share.

10. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

Adjourn.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Nejad) to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board approved minutes as submitted:

November 21, 2103